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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON DIVISION

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New York, New York Wednesday, December 16, 2009

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Videotaped Deposition of RICHARD

DOWLING, held at Harris Beach PLLC, 100 Wall

Street, 24th Floor, on the above date,

beginning at 9:46 a.m., before Kimberly A.

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1	digoxin; isn't that right?
2	MR. ANDERTON: Objection.
3	You may answer.
4	THE WITNESS: We had lower
5	punches and dies as indicated in the
6	production batch record available to use
7	for digoxin.
8	BY MR. THOMPSON:
9	Q Right. But the punches and dies
10	were not reserved solely to use for digoxin,
11	were they?
12	A The lowers and dies were used
13	interchangeably.
14	Q Okay. So when you say
15	"interchangeably," you're saying that the
16	lowers and the dies were used for digoxin and
17	for other products as well; isn't that right?
18	A Yes, they could be used for other
19	products.
20	Q And what other products were they
21	used for?
22	A That I don't recall. They would be
23	products with the same die characteristic or
24	size or the same punch or tablet

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1	press. Each time Digitek is
2	manufactured, the Stokes BB2 45 station
3	press is customized using very unique
4	'tooling' - punches and dies - designed
5	solely and used exclusively for the
6	purpose of manufacturing Digitek on that
7	tablet press."
8	BY MR. THOMPSON:
9	Q Okay. Now, if I look at the e-mail
10	and I remember our testimony, this paragraph
11	that's in your affidavit is not quite correct,
12	is it? I mean, didn't you just testify that
13	as of December 18, 2007, that you used the
14	punches and dies interchangeably to make
15	products other than Digitek?
16	MR. ANDERTON: Objection;
17	mischaracterizes his testimony.
18	You may answer.
19	THE WITNESS: No. This
20	statement is correct. We did use unique
21	tooling.
22	BY MR. THOMPSON:
23	Q You used punches and dies designed
24	solely and used exclusively for the purpose of

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1	manufacturing Digitek; you see what you said?
2	A Yes.
3	Q You used the punches and dies as of
4	December 18, 2007, to make tablets other than
5	Digitek; isn't that right?
6	MR. ANDERTON: Objection;
7	mischaracterizes his testimony.
8	THE WITNESS: Lowers and dies,
9	yes.
10	BY MR. THOMPSON:
11	Q Well, now, the punches are the
12	okay. When you drafted this affidavit on 22
13	June 2009, did you include in your original
14	affidavit the fact that the punches and dies
15	were used to make multiple products?
16	MR. ANDERTON: Objection;
17	mischaracterizes the document.
18	THE WITNESS: I'm not sure what
19	you mean by my original affidavit. This
20	is the only
21	BY MR. THOMPSON:
22	Q I'm saying that the draft did you
23	ever have included in this affidavit the fact
24	that the punches and dies were used for

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1	make multiple products?
2	MR. ANDERTON: And, again, I
3	object on several bases. The first is
4	that question to the extent it
5	characterizes Exhibit 97 mischaracterizes
6	the information in Exhibit 97 and the
7	witness' testimony.
8	And I also instruct you with
9	respect to his question about drafts of
LO	the affidavit to answer the question only
L1	to the extent you can do so without
L2	revealing privileged communication.
L3	BY MR. THOMPSON:
L4	Q Let's start over again. Let's make
L5	sure we understand each other. Let's go to
L6	the e-mail of December 18, 2007, and we'll
L7	work our way back through that one more time.
L8	As of December 18, 2007, the punches
L9	and dies that were utilized for the making of
20	Digitek were utilized in making multiple
21	products; is that not correct?
22	MR. ANDERTON: Objection;
23	again, mischaracterizes the document.
24	You may answer.

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1 THE WITNESS: The lower punches 2 and dies were used for other products, 3 yes. BY MR. THOMPSON: 4 5 Q On June 22, 2009, did you not say: 6 "Each time Digitek is manufactured, the Stokes 7 BB2 45 station press is customized using very 8 unique 'tooling' - punches and dies - designed 9 solely and used exclusively for the purpose of 10 manufacturing Digitek on that tablet press"? Isn't that what your affidavit says? 11 12 Α Yes, that's what it says. 13 And, in fact, the punches and dies 0 14 that were used to make Digitek were used to 15 make multiple products; isn't that right? 16 MR. ANDERTON: Objection. 17 You may answer. 18 THE WITNESS: I need to define 19 here what I meant by "unique tooling." 20 That punch was a specific -- had a specific description. It was in a 21 22 container labeled with a specific number that was referenced in the batch record, 23 24 the lower punch. We would pull that

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1	particular container to set this press
2	up. The same can be said for the die.
3	And they were unique because I defined
4	unique as what was required in that
5	Digitek batch record.
6	BY MR. THOMPSON:
7	Q Here's what you said in this e-mail:
8	"In the long run, the lower punches and dies
9	will last longer if they are dedicated and not
10	used for multiple products, and we won't have
11	to delay set-ups because the lowers or dies
12	needed are in use and not available."
13	That's what you said on December 18,
14	2007, in your e-mail to Mr. Patel. Now, the
15	fact is that you wrote Paragraph 14 telling
16	the Court under oath that the punch and the
17	die was unique and used solely to produce
18	Digitek.
19	MR. ANDERTON: I object
20	BY MR. THOMPSON:
21	Q Did you not?
22	MR. ANDERTON: Fred, I object
23	to your tone with the witness and the

fact that you're badgering him. I also

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1	object to the fact that you interrupted
2	his explanation. He was trying to give
3	you testimony about what the term
4	"tooling" in the affidavit meant. Now,
5	if you'd let him explain his definition
6	of tooling as he started to do
7	MR. THOMPSON: You can
8	certainly redirect him because I think
9	you probably will want to, but I have a
10	right to conduct my examination and I
11	intend to.
12	MR. ANDERTON: Well, you're
13	conducting yourself a bit
14	unprofessionally toward the witness when
15	you interrupted his answer.
16	BY MR. THOMPSON:
17	Q Go ahead and finish your answer.
18	A Again, my description of unique
19	tooling here is tooling that is designated in
20	the batch record for Digitek, either strength,
21	with a numbered designation of a container
22	which contains that tooling for both the upper
23	punch, lower punch, and the dies, and

instructs the operator to pull that tooling to

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1	set that tablet press for Digitek. And he
2	must use and my meaning of unique is he
3	must use those punches designated in that
4	batch record to set that press for digoxin.
5	Q And that punch and that die that you
6	are saying are unique are, in fact, used for
7	multiple products?
8	MR. ANDERTON: Objection.
9	BY MR. THOMPSON:
LO	Q Isn't that right?
L1	MR. ANDERTON: Objection;
L2	mischaracterizes his testimony.
L3	THE WITNESS: I'm saying that
L4	they use the tooling designated in that
L5	batch record and had to assure they were
L6	pulling the right descriptive containers
L7	of tooling to set that press for Digitek
L8	is my meaning here.
L9	BY MR. THOMPSON:
20	Q If there was another product that
21	used the same punch and the same die, you
22	would say that that other product has a unique
23	design because its batch record would call for
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2	CERTIFICATE
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4	I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
5	witness was duly sworn by me and that the
6	deposition is a true record of the testimony
7	given by the witness.
8	It was requested before
9	completion of the deposition that the witness,
10	RICHARD DOWLING, have the opportunity to read
11	and sign the deposition transcript.
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15	KIMBERLY A. OVERWISE
16	Certified Realtime Reporter
17	Notary Public Dated: January 4, 2010
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1	INSTRUCTIONS TO WITNESS
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3	Please read your deposition over
4	carefully and make any necessary corrections.
5	You should state the reason in the appropriate
6	space on the errata sheet for any corrections
7	that are made.
8	After doing so, please sign the
9	errata sheet and date it.
10	You are signing same subject to the
11	changes you have noted on the errata sheet,
12	which will be attached to your deposition.
13	It is imperative that you return the
14	original errata sheet to the deposing attorney
15	within thirty (30) days of receipt of the
16	deposition transcript by you. If you fail to
17	do so, the deposition transcript may be deemed
18	to be accurate and may be used in court.
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